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PROBE CARRIER

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

November 29, 2006

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents, other than U.S. patent documents, are enclosed.

Japan 2001-522998 and Japan 2001-511361 were cited in the International Search Report and/or Written Opinion which issued in the corresponding international application. A copy of the International Search Report and a copy of the Written Opinion are enclosed.

Japan 11-187900 is discussed at page 1 of the specification.

U.S. Patent No. 5,922,617 is believed to be in the same patent family as

Japan 2001-522998, U.S. Patent No. 6,248,521 is believed to be in the same patent family

as Japan 2001-511361, and U.S. Patent No. 6,476,215 is believed to be in the same patent

family as Japan 11-187900.

An English-language abstract for each of the Japanese documents listed on

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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the issuance of

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